

COUNTRY

TOPIC Gelzow Airfield

EVALUATION

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PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT 20 July to 22 August 1952

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DATE PREPARED

2 October 1952

REFERENCES

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1. Between 20 July and 22 August 1952, [] airfield which was under construction. The runway had a width of 30 meters. It was covered with concrete slabs each 4 meters wide. The width of the taxiway which consisted of five concrete slabs, each 3.65 meters wide, was 13.25 meters. The distance between the runway and the western taxiway was estimated at 700 meters. The western taxiway which was not yet completed extended between Lindenfeld and the Lindenfeld estate. 25X1
2. About 30 meters east of the eastern taxiway there was the flight control building, a two-story brick building with a four-story tower, which was about 15 meters high and had a flat roof. The building was still surrounded by some pine trees. Small groups of pine trees and individual trees were observed between the taxiways and the runway.
3. A cantonment was observed in a clearing southwest of the road leading from Gelzow toward the northwest, parallel to the railroad line leading to the Lahnendorf Settlement. There were seven newly erected temporary buildings for Soviet troops, a new brick building housing the kitchen for the Russians, six old low wooden buildings which were occupied by the construction workers, an old wooden building housing the kitchen and messhall for the construction workers and a WC shop, and another temporary building which was used by the above-ground construction section. One of the six old wooden buildings occupied by the construction laborers was being reconstructed. Three barriers guarded by old workers were observed in the eastern and northeastern sections of the field.
4. [] that a Soviet team inspected the construction progress at the field in early August 1952. After the inspection, the above-ground construction staff was ordered to complete all temporary buildings by 1 October 1952. The target date for the completion of the sub-surface construction projects was not known. 25X1 25X1

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5. On 12 August, Melzow airfield was not occupied. *

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Comment. It appears that largescale construction remains to be done only on the western taxiway which is nearing completion. The statements on the width of the runway and taxiway are believed to be correct. Information on the course of the western taxiway and the location of the flight control building is too vague to determine the pin-point locations of the installations.

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